

H. Res. 375

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

March 2, 1994.

Whereas the House is on notice pursuant to rule IX that it may soon consider a proposal to direct the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to investigate the former operations of the House Post Office;

Whereas matters relating to the former operations of the House Post Office are the subject of an ongoing criminal investigation by the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia;

Whereas, pursuant to its rules, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct traditionally defers inquiry with respect to a matter that is the subject of an ongoing investigation by an appropriate law enforcement or regulatory authority;

Whereas the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct has on several occasions agreed to defer inquiry with respect to the former operations of the House Post Office, and has deferred inquiry in other matters regarding current Members where investigations by other authorities are proceeding;

Whereas, by letters of November 25, 1992, September 9, 1993, and October 26, 1993, then Assistant Attorney General Lee Rawls, then United States Attorney J. Ramsey Johnson, and current United States Attorney Eric Holder, respectively, requested that the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct defer any inquiry into the former operations of the House Post Office and related matters;

Whereas, on February 23, 1994, the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia delivered the following letter to the Speaker and the Republican Leader:

Whereas the House should exercise particular caution so as not to impede, delay, or otherwise interfere with an ongoing criminal investigation that may involve its own Members: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House supports the decision of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to defer inquiry on matters relating to the former operation of the House Post Office; and be it

Further resolved, That the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct shall continue to consult with the United States Attorney and continue to review its decision to defer inquiry in this matter. At such time as the Committee determines that a Committee inquiry would no longer interfere with the criminal investigation, the Committee shall proceed, pursuant to its rules, with such inquiry as it deems appropriate.

Attest:

Clerk.